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AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJ: EUROPEAN YOUTH SECURITY CONFERENCE

REF: WARSAW 8346, STATE 002517

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WARSAW CONFERENCE WITH W. M. JARVIS, VISITS COORDINATOR OF EXTAFF EAST EUROPEAN DIVISION. DESPITE NOTICE OF DISCUSSION TOPIC, JARVIS APPEARED TO KNOW LITTLE ABOUT CONFERENCE AND SAID THAT NO INFORMATION HAD COME FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WARSAW.

2. AFTER HEARING RATIONALE FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION, HE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN IDEA OF MORE ACTIVE WESTERN ROLE AT EAST-WEST YOUTH CONFERENCE IN VIEW OF HELSINKI BASKET III OBJECTIVES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PAST CANADIAN PRACTICE OF NON-PARTICIPATION COULD PROBABLY NOT BE CHANGED IN TIME FOR JUNE MEETING. HE  
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CITED BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS AS WELL AS CANADIAN DESIRE

FOR WIDER WESTERN COORDINATION. HE SAID CANADA WOULD CONSIDER ISSUE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO DISCUSS IN NATO FORUM, NOT IN RELATION TO WARSAW MEETING BUT FOR OTHERS IN FUTURE, SO AS TO COORDINATE CSCE EFFORT AT YOUTH CONFERENCES MULTILATERALLY. HE SAID HE WOULD BRIEF CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER TALKS.

3. COMMENT: RECENT BUDGET CUTS AND SHORT NOTICE FOR JUNE MEETING ARE LEGITIMATE PROBLEMS WHICH MAKE CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT WARSAW UNLIKELY. EMBOFF ALSO SENSED, HOWEVER, THAT CANADA RELUCTANT TO SEEK INVITATION IN ABRUPT MANNER WHICH MIGHT SUGGEST UNILATERAL IMITATION OF US, ESPECIALLY IN POSSIBLY RISKY VENTURE. HENCE EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL APPROACH, WITH SEEMINGLY GENUINE INTEREST TO DISCUSS GENERAL ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION AT YOUTH CONFERENCE FURTHER. JOHNSON

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